



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Letter Regarding Relocation of Central California Traction Company Tracks in Lodi Avenue to Southern Pacific Kentucky House Branch South of Lockeford Street

MEETING DATE: February 5, 1997

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

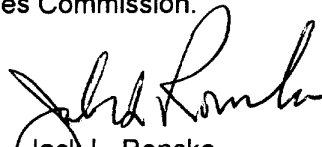
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council approve a letter from the Mayor to be sent to the Union Pacific/Southern Pacific Railroad describing a proposal to relocate the Central California Traction Company (CCTC) tracks from Lodi Avenue to the Kentucky House Branch tracks along the south side of Lockeford Street.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The portion of the CCTC railroad tracks that lies in Lodi Avenue between Cherokee Lane and the Southern Pacific tracks near Main Street has been a source of safety problems and citizen complaints for many years. Friendly persuasion and subsequent legal action to force removal of the tracks has, to date, been unsuccessful. One of the issues for CCTC is that a main customer of theirs is the Pacific Coast Producers Cannery (PCP) on Tokay Street which they serve from Lodi Avenue. Another issue is that the City does not want to jeopardize rail service provided by CCTC to the industrial area east of Highway 99. CCTC provides good, economical service and has been helpful in attracting new industries to Lodi.

CCTC is owned in equal parts by three railroads: Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and Santa Fe. With this merger, they have a majority ownership and have unofficially expressed some willingness to work with the City on resolving this problem. The proposal is to transfer the CCTC operation presently taking place on this portion of Lodi Avenue to the unused Kentucky House Branch to provide service to PCP from the Southern Pacific right-of-way on the west side of the cannery. PCP already uses this loading point during part of the season. Activating the Kentucky House Branch would require construction of a pair of switches and interconnection track on the north side of Victor Road at the CCTC crossing. (This connection and other details of the proposal are shown on Exhibit A.) This change will not only maintain CCTC rail service to PCP and the eastside industrial area, it will also provide rail service to the industrial property along Lockeford Street. The Lockeford Street area has been without rail service since Southern Pacific discontinued service on the Kentucky House Branch a few years ago.

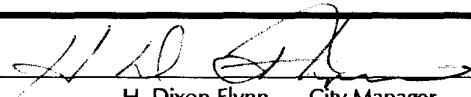
As part of the letter describing the proposal, we recommend the City offer to participate in the cost of the project to the extent that we could handle the removal of the tracks in Lodi Avenue. We could do so as part of the planned street improvement project at relatively little cost. We also plan to send a copy of the letter to the California Public Utilities Commission.

FUNDING: None needed at this time.

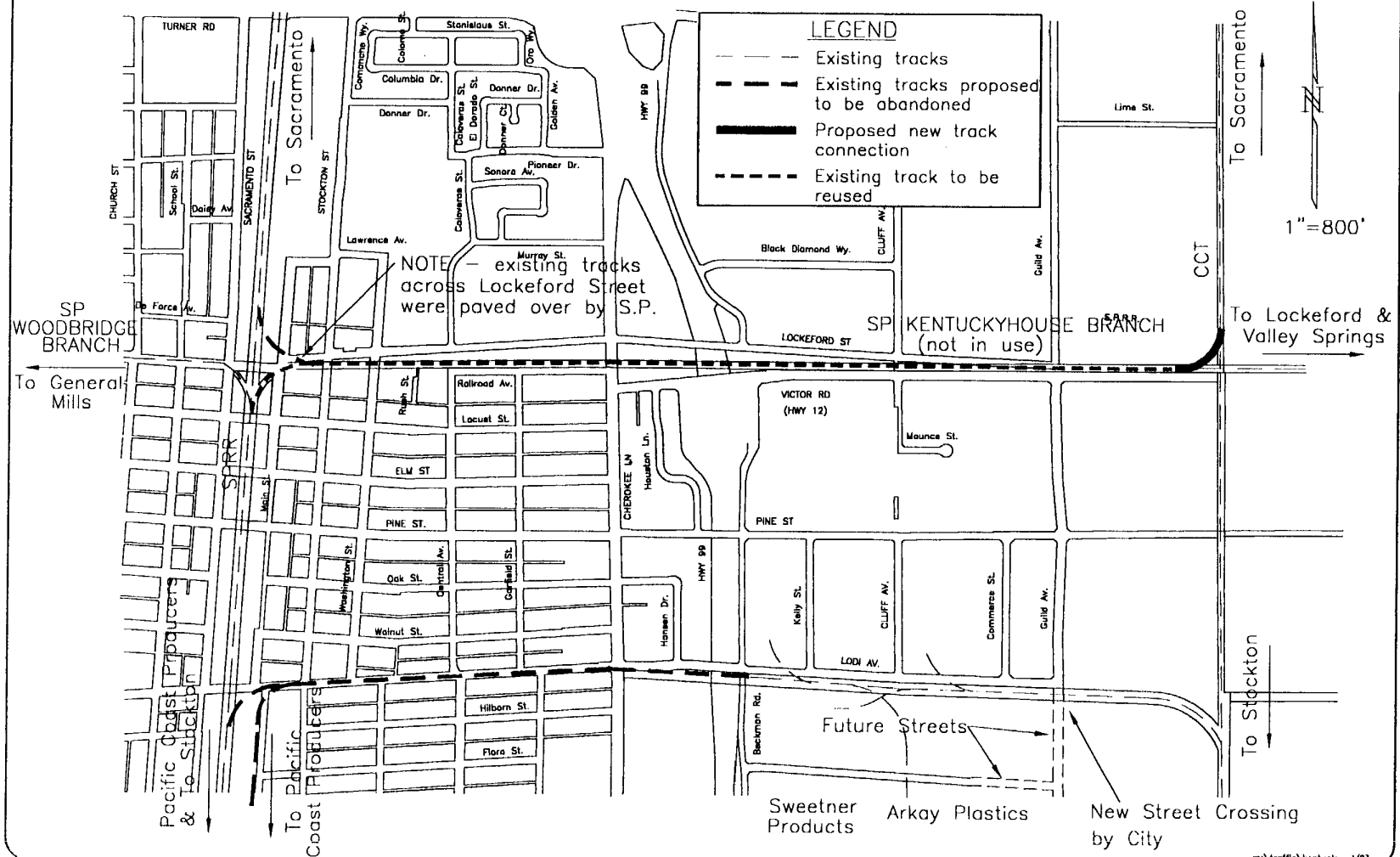

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Attachment
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APPROVED:


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PROPOSED C.C.T. RR TRACK RELOCATION FROM LODI AVENUE TO S.P. KENTUCKY HOUSE BRANCH



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SUBJECT: Letter Regarding Relocation of Central California Traction Company
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Enclosed is a copy of background information on an item on the City Council agenda of Wednesday, February 5, 1997, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chamber, Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street.

This item is on the consent calendar and is usually not discussed unless a Council Member requests discussion. The public is given an opportunity to address items on the consent calendar at the appropriate time.

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If you wish to address the Council at the Council meeting, be sure to fill out a speaker's card (available at the Carnegie Forum immediately prior to the start of the meeting) and give it to the City Clerk. If you have any questions about communicating with the Council, please contact Jennifer Perrin, City Clerk, at (209) 333-6702.

If you have any questions about the item itself, please call Richard Prima at (209) 333-6706.



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Enclosure

cc: City Clerk ✓